

Sunday (September 16), Evening

Early registration

Monday (September 17), Day 1

8:30-9:00 Welcome

USDA & NIEHS

9:00-9:30 Keynote Speaker

9:30 – 10:30 APHIS Veterinary Services

A historic perspective of APHIS' response to Avian Influenza outbreaks including case examples from 2004 to present will be presented. Information will be shared on the APHIS Veterinary Services Worker Health and Safety program in the eastern and western regional office and at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory, and information on the APHIS Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services worker health and safety services.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Various APHIS agencies presentations

Insight into USDA/APHIS' perspective as lead coordinating agency to an avian outbreak will be shared as well as a synopsis of their plan with expected sequence of events. Other topics covered will include: how to prepare participating agencies from training to medical monitoring, what is in place currently to accomplish this, and an example of an AI site specific HASP.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Avian Influenza Game Exercise

A table-top board game exercise will allow the participants to choose a variety of limited resources to deploy during an outbreak. The game moves the players through challenges they identify as the events unfold. The players gain enhanced awareness of the particular health and safety issues they would encounter from the perspective of the role they would likely play during an outbreak.

4:00-5:00 Game report back

Report back on lessons learned (areas that require further discussion will be covered in breakout sessions).

Close for the day

Evening Reception: During a disaster is not the time to exchange business cards! Exchange them at the social!

Tuesday (September 18), Day 2

8:30-9:00 Welcome: John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

This session will address health and safety across the spectrum including how to prepare/protect your workers to deal with AI (wildlife, vets, poultry workers, labs, public health).

900-9:45 State and Local panel

Representatives of state and local governments will discuss their avian influenza response plans and training initiatives and concerns about those plans.

9:45-10:30 Industry Panel

Industry representatives will present their avian influenza response plans and their plans to coordinate with federal, state and local responders.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Federal panel

Representatives from federal agencies will discuss aspects of federal preparedness related to responder safety and health during an avian influenza response.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 International panel

Lessons learned will be shared from recent experiences in other countries.

2:00-2:30 USDA Toolbox/Job Aid

2:30-3:00 NIEHS AI Tool

3:00-3:30 OSHA Disaster Site Worker Course

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:00 Breakout sessions on training products and programs

1. IAFF
2. HMTRI
3. USDA
4. USDA
5. Virginia

5:00 Close for the day

Wednesday (September 19), Day 3

8:30-8:45 Welcome and Instruction

These sessions offer an opportunity for participants to get more in-depth information on specific topics related to an avian influenza response.

8:45-10:15 Breakout sessions

1. Introduction to the HAZWOPER standard
2. Disinfection and Cleaning
3. Respiratory Protection/PPE
4. ICS/NIMS
5. Setting up/preparing for a local AI response
6. Workshop on APHIS HASP template
7. Introduction to and controlling hazards of carcass disposal
8. EPA's AI train-the-trainer for on-scene coordinators (Part 1)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00 Breakout sessions

1. Controlling hazards of heavy equipment
2. Back-yard bird issues
3. Controlling hazards during culling operations
4. Delivering training in the field...how to develop and give toolbox talks
5. Critical Stress Management
6. Controlling the health and safety hazards of using pesticides and disinfectants
7. Confined space issues
8. Instituting control zones
9. EPA's AI train-the-trainer for on-scene coordinators (Part 2)

12:00-12:30 Groups report back to general session (what they found, what went well/what could have gone better). Recommended next steps:

- Training areas not captured?
- Areas needing additional detail?
- Worker groups not covered?
- Establishing a minimum level of training?
- Is there a need for follow on with specific focus?

12:30 Close conference

